

## ***Quick Facts About...*** **Higher Education in Washington State**

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Public higher education will receive \$2.54 billion, or 12.3 percent of the 1999-2001 State General Fund budget -- down from 13.5 percent in 1989-1991.

### **CONTINUING ON TO PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION**

An estimated 60 percent of high school graduates immediately continue on to higher education. About one-half of all high school graduates choose a public college or university in Washington State.

### **ENROLLMENT**

More than 203,000 full-time equivalent students attended public colleges and universities, with 81,991 enrolled at the four-year institutions and 121,302 enrolled at the two-year institutions. An estimated 42,000 full-time equivalent students attended independent institutions in Washington (1998-1999).

### **NUMBER OF DEGREES GRANTED**

Washington four-year institutions awarded more than 23,000 baccalaureate degrees, with public institutions granting 18,006 and independent institutions granting more than 5,500 (1997-1998). State community and technical colleges awarded 17,611 associate degrees and 6,163 certificates (1998-1999).

### **TUITION**

Resident undergraduate tuition and fees average \$3,524 per year at state research universities, \$2,733 at comprehensive institutions,<sup>1</sup> and \$1,584 at community colleges. Resident graduate tuition averages \$5,478 and \$4,378 at state research and comprehensive institutions, respectively (1999-2000). State support covers about 60 to 75 percent of the total cost of undergraduate instruction and about 60 to 70 percent of the total cost of graduate instruction at the public institutions<sup>2</sup> (1999-2000).

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<sup>1</sup> Washington public research universities include the University of Washington and Washington State University. State comprehensive institutions include Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen State College and Western Washington University.

<sup>2</sup> State support for undergraduate instruction is about 60% of the cost at research universities, about 70% at the comprehensive universities, and about 75% at the community and technical colleges. State support for graduate instruction is about 70% at the research universities and 60% at the comprehensive institutions.

## FINANCIAL AID

Nearly one-third of all Washington students receives some form of financial aid. The Higher Education Coordinating Board administers student financial aid, including the following major financial aid programs:

### *State Need Grants*

In 1999-2000, about 53,500 Washington undergraduate students will use \$80.2 million in State Need Grants to pursue a degree, hone their skills or retrain for new careers. For dependent students, the average parental income is estimated to be less than \$16,000. For self-supporting students, the average income is expected to be less than \$7,000. The average State Need grant is about \$1,500.

### *State Work Study*

About 9,500 low- and middle-income students will participate in the State Work Study program during the 1999-2000 academic year, earning money for college while gaining experience in areas related to their degrees or potential career interests. For dependent students, the average parental income is estimated to be less than \$32,000. For self-supporting students, the average income is about \$7,000. State Work Study students will earn an estimated \$20 million, with \$15.4 million in state funds and the rest from the employers' share of wages.

### *Washington Promise Scholarship*

The new Washington Promise Scholarship provides college scholarships to high school seniors who graduate at the top of their classes and come from low- or middle-income families. In 1999, more than 2,200 students were eligible to receive scholarships of \$1,225 for use at any accredited Washington college, university or other postsecondary institution.

## PROFILES OF ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING STATE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

### *Community and Technical Colleges (1998)*

The average age is 27.7

57% are women

25% are students of color

### *Public Four-year Institutions (1998)*

The average age is 24

53% are women

18% are students of color

## The Washington Higher Education System<sup>3</sup>

### Four-year Public

Central Washington University  
Eastern Washington University  
The Evergreen State College  
University of Washington  
Washington State University  
Western Washington University

### Four-year Public Branch Campuses

University of Washington Bothell  
University of Washington Tacoma  
Washington State University Spokane  
Washington State University Tri-Cities  
Washington State University Vancouver

### Four-year Public Off-campus Centers

Central Washington University  
Lynnwood, SeaTac, Steilacoom,  
Wenatchee, Yakima  
The Evergreen State College  
Tacoma  
Western Washington University  
Bremerton, Everett, and Seattle

### Community and Technical Colleges

Bates Technical College  
Bellevue Community College  
Bellingham Technical College  
Big Bend Community College  
Cascadia Community College  
(Scheduled to open in fall 2000)  
Centralia College  
Clark College  
Clover Park Technical College  
Columbia Basin College  
Edmonds Community College  
Everett Community College  
Grays Harbor College  
Green River Community College  
Highline Community College  
Lake Washington Technical College  
Lower Columbia College  
North Seattle Community College  
Olympic College  
Peninsula College  
Pierce College  
Renton Technical College  
Seattle Central Community College  
Shoreline Community College  
Skagit Valley College  
South Puget Sound Community College  
South Seattle Community College  
Spokane Community College  
Spokane Falls Community College  
Tacoma Community College  
Walla Walla Community College  
Wenatchee Valley College  
Whatcom Community College  
Yakima Valley Community College

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<sup>3</sup> This system also includes cooperative extension centers, learning centers, on-line learning resources, and other collaborative opportunities made possible by the K-20 Educational Telecommunications Network.

**Four-year Independent**

Bastyr University  
 City University  
 Cornish College of the Arts  
 Gonzaga University  
 Heritage College  
 Northwest College  
 Northwest College of Art  
 Pacific Lutheran University  
 Puget Sound Christian College  
 Saint Martin's College  
 Seattle Pacific University  
 Seattle University  
 Trinity Lutheran College  
 University of Puget Sound  
 Walla Walla College  
 Whitman College  
 Whitworth College

**Two-year Federal**

Northwest Indian College

**Authorized Institutions**

American Schools of Professional Psychology  
 Antioch University  
 Behavioral Physiology Institute  
 Brandaris University  
 Center of Innovation in Education  
 Chapman University  
 Columbia College  
 DigiPen Institute of Technology  
 Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University  
 Fred Hutchison Cancer Research Center  
 George Fox University  
 Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary  
 Golden Gate University  
 Grand Canyon University  
 Henry Cogswell College  
 ITT Technical Institute-Bothell  
 Johns Hopkins University  
 Keller Graduate School of Management  
 Lesley College  
 Lewis and Clark College  
 Linfield College

**Authorized Institutions (continued)**

Moody Bible Institute  
 Northwest Aviation College  
 Northwest Institute of Acupuncture & Oriental  
 Medicine  
 Nova Southeastern University  
 Old Dominion University  
 Oregon State University  
 Pacific Oaks College  
 Park College  
 Portland State University  
 Seattle Institute of Oriental Medicine  
 Southern Illinois University  
 University of Phoenix  
 University of Portland  
 Vincennes University  
 Walden University  
 Washington School of Professional Psychology  
 Webster University  
 Western Business College  
 Western Oregon University  
 Western Seminary

**Licensed Independent Vocational Schools**

256 Schools

**Community and Technical College  
Off-campus Centers**

Virtually all of the community colleges and four of the technical colleges operate off-campus centers. These 58 centers provide both comprehensive and selected offerings in one or more of the community and technical college mission areas (i.e., transfer, workforce training, basic skills, and community service).

**Joint Centers (Multi-institution)**

Intercollegiate Center for Nursing Education  
 (ICNE)  
 Spokane Intercollegiate Research and Technical  
 Institute (SIRTI)  
 North Snohomish, Island, and Skagit Counties  
 Consortium (NSIS)

*More detailed information about higher education in Washington State is included in [Higher Education Statistics](#), available by calling the Higher Education Coordinating Board at (360) 753-7800 or by e-mail at [info@hecb.wa.gov](mailto:info@hecb.wa.gov).*